

**State of Wisconsin**  
**DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING**  
**Scope Statement - Examining Board of**  
**Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional**  
**Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors**

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***Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors.***

**Subject.**

Creating rule changes to s. A-E 2.02 relating to registration seals for architects, landscape architects, professional engineers, designers and land surveyors. Section A-E 2.02 specifies the requirements for registration seals and signatures. Registration seals and signatures must be utilized in the production of plans, drawings, documents, specifications and reports within these professions. This rule change would allow for credential holders' documents to be signed, sealed, or stamped by electronic means.

**POLICY ISSUES.**

**Objective of the Rule.**

To update the rules to reflect new technology that permits documents to be signed, sealed, or stamped by electronic means.

**Existing Policies Relevant to the Rule, New Policies Proposed and Analysis of Policy Alternatives.**

Existing rules relating to registration seals for architects, landscape architects, professional engineers, designers and land surveyors can be found in s. A-E 2.02. Section A-E 2.02 requires plans, drawings, documents, specifications, and reports to be signed and sealed by the registrant. These registration seals and stamps must meet specific requirements that are specified in s. A-E 2.02.

**Summary of and Preliminary Comparison with any Existing or Proposed Federal Regulation intended to address activities regulated by the proposed Rule.**

This is not an area which is regulated by federal law or is subject to any proposed federal legislation. The standards for state licensure are regulated by each state.

**Statutory authority.**

Sections 15.08 (5) (b) and 227.11 (2), Stats.

**Entities affected by the rule.**

Architects, landscape architects, professional engineers, designers and land surveyor licensees.

**Estimate the amount of state employee time and any other resources will be necessary to develop the rule.**

30 hours.

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